

**Board of Pharmacy**  
**Initial Statement of Reasons**

Subject Matter of Proposed Regulation: Intern Pharmacist Address

Sections Affected: Add 1727.1

Specific Purpose of the Proposed Changes:

The Board of Pharmacy proposes adding Section 1727.1 to the California Code of Regulations to exclude the posting of pharmacy intern (student) addresses on the internet.

Factual Basis/Rationale

The names, addresses, and board license numbers of board-licensed pharmacists, pharmacist interns, pharmacy technicians and exemptees are a matter of public record. In the past this information was made available to any one who made a written request to the board to verify license information including address of record. Since December 1, 2003, the board has posted this information in a searchable database on its web site. Given that the information is readily available to any one, the board advises licensees to use an address other than their home address, such as a work address or post office box.

While using an alternative address, such as a work address, is fairly easy for a pharmacist or pharmacy technician to provide, it is less practical for a pharmacy intern, who often works in several locations and for multiple employers as the intern completes his or her education and training. Consequently, pharmacy interns have requested the board remove intern addresses from the searchable database on the board's website and only make their addresses available to the public through a written request for such information.

Underlying Data

None.

Business Impact

This regulation will not have a significant adverse economic impact on businesses. This initial determination is based on the absence of testimony indicating adverse economic impact regarding this rulemaking proposal at the informational hearings held by the board.

Specific Technologies or Equipment

This regulation does not mandate the use of specific technologies or equipment.

#### Consideration of Alternatives

No reasonable alternative to the regulation would be either more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed regulation.